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NOTE FOR: All NIOs

SUBJECT: Attached Speech Themes

Please see the attached and provide your suggestions of themes for DCI speeches. He has a large number of invitations and views them as opportunities to educate the public. This is your opportunity to get something into the queue. Reply by 21 July please.

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SUBJECT: Candidate Speech Themes for the DCI

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I would appreciate having your comments on the draft subject themes (attached) which might be used by the DCI in future public speeches.

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Candidate Speech Themes

The Challenge of Terrorism

The difficulty of the target increases the challenge to intelligence in combatting terrorism. Speech would define strategies for the use of intelligence on plans of terrorists to alert security forces and otherwise frustrate the actions of terrorists.

Intelligence and US Foreign Policy

Would consider the key role of intelligence in the formulation of effective US policies and the dynamic interaction between policymakers and intelligence officers. Would describe how intelligence—as America's first line of defense—is produced and made available to the President and senior policy officials.

Covert Action in an Open Democracy

Would consider how these secret operations (instruments of foreign policy) square with the requirements of governance in an open society. It would emphasize the role of the President and the NSC in requesting/originating these actions, the role of Congress in overseeing them, and the responsibility of the DCI to carry them out within a complex set of rules and laws.

Intelligence and Technology Transfer

Would discuss the potential military and other benefits of the illegal transfer of technology to the Soviet Union and the role of intelligence in its prevention—assessing the value of technology to the Soviets, parties involved in transactions, involvement of foreign governments, and the processes used by the Soviets to acquire information and hardware.

Arms Control and Intelligence

The vital role played by intelligence in the process of negotiating and monitoring agreements. The importance of intelligence in describing and estimating Soviet military capabilities and the ability of the US to monitor compliance or non-compliance with arms control agreements would be highlighted.

Protecting Intelligence Sources and Methods

The DCI has statutory responsibilities to protect intelligence sources and methods to ensure the continued flow of intelligence and to protect the lives of those who provide it. Would describe the importance of such protection in the prevention of leaks and the measures and means to ensure that policymakers and the Executive Branch, and the Congress, aggressively protect intelligence sources.

Present and Future Challenges to Intelligence

Intelligence resources must be carefully managed and applied to problems and trends facing the Intelligence Community in an increasingly complex and unpredictable world: the Soviet Union, international energy and economics, arms control, technology transfer, narcotics, terrorism, and other Third World issues.

Intelligence and the Congress

The relationship between intelligence and the Congress would be described with emphasis on the oversight role of Congress and the substantive support of the Intelligence Community. The need to reinforce the positive interaction between the CIA and the oversight committees would be highlighted.

Technological Innovation and Intelligence

To protect US security and economic interests, intelligence plays a substantial role in uncovering and assessing foreign technological innovation and advancement. Selected case studies would be presented as well as proposals for keeping abreast of such scientific developments as superconductivity, electro-optical advances, and artificial intelligence.